

John Hancock Esq^m

London 8 Decr 1770

16th December

Dear Sir

Several Vessels have arrived from Boston, but
have not rec'd any of your favours; We have therefore very little to trouble
you with at present. Inclosed you have Acc't Sales of 4 Casks Sugar
delivered us by Capt. White for Nett Pds. of which have credited you £.
£ 52. 15. 5. What White Oyl has arrived has been sold at £ 27. but
it is impossible to say whether that price will be kept up to, when the
large quantities arrive. It will greatly depend upon the state of Pub-
lick affairs, which are at present very disagreeable. There is not
the least ground to form a judgment upon, whether we shall have Peace
or War. Pot Ash is rather lower than it was, but will still sell for 4/-
Nothing is yet done with Whalebones. Your two small Parcels remain
still unsold, but if they continue so much longer, we will make up the
Acc't Sales of the other parts of your Cargoes without the Bone & leave
that to be accounted for afterwards. We are in daily expectation
of the arrival of more Ships from Boston, by some of whom we hope to have
the pleasure of hearing from you. We are
Copyr. Craig. J^r. Robson

✓ Dear Sir

29th Decr. 1770

Since our last of which the above
is Copy we have had the pleasure of receiving your
several esteemed favours of the 5th, 19th, 23^d, 26th & 27th Nov^r,
The Insurances therein ordered for £ 2200 on Scott & £ 2000
on Hood were immediately executed at the very lowest rate,
the Rec^{ts} of which You will find enclosed of the former being
£ 80. 16. 6^r & of the latter £ 55. 5. 6^r These sums are to your debit.

Scott arrived in our River last Wednesday but on account of
the Holidays has not yet begun to unload but will on Monday
next all possible dispatch shall be given him & you may
depend upon our endeavours to procure him a full freight
for Boston, which we have no doubt we shall be able to do
so as to dispatch him early in February. The Goods now
order for yourself shall be shipped on board him & those cons^d
us by him shall be disposed of to the best advantage. We cannot
yet form a judgment what will be the price of Oyl but we
hope not less than £27.— Whalbone still remains without
a price. We believe there has not been a single parcel of American
Bone yet sold. In our next we propose enclosing your Accts
lun^t. to the end of the Year, in which will be included every
thing up to Scott except the two small parcels of Fins.

The bills enclosed in yours of ~~Dec^r 5th~~ Nov^r amounting to
£396. 14. 6 are accepted of those drawn on us for £325 of £2800
are accepted by us & both shall be duly placed when due to your
debit of credit which will be in the next years Accts.

We wish we were able to inform you that your demand on
Mr. Syme upon acc^t. of the Thames was settled. We have not
tried to make frequent application to him, but he now
settles it off till she arrives again, but then he says it will be
certainly settled. Capt. Watt has taken to his own Acc^t. all
the outstanding debts due to the Owners in the West Indies &
has given Mr. Syme his Bond for the amount bearing interest
from the day of its date w^{ch} was some time in Octo^r last. Mr.
Syme agrees to pay interest on your demand from the same
time. We have insisted upon your having a right to interest
from the time your bill was protested, w^{ch} he does not seem
to think very unreasonable, but avoids giving any positive

promise of indeed we believe he does not intend to pay any
Interest bet from the date of Watts obligation; we don't however
mean to give it up without your orders if we can help it

Daois is arrived in the River without any insurance on
your Bill on board him, but had a very narrow escape in the
downs We apprehend we shall have something to pay for
a General Average upon him The bill for £100 on Anby
not Colombus is also accepted & will be to your credit in due
course We are obliged to you for the candid manner in which
you recommend Mr. Bent; The applications we have had this
Year for opening new Accounts are very many; several we think
it right to decline, but your recommendation of Mr. Bent has
induced us to determine to send him the supply of Goods he
wishes for & we hope we shall no cause hereafter to repent
of our so doing. We shall not possibly find time to write to him
by this Vessel & should therefore esteem it a favour that you
acquaint him he may expect his Goods off Scott

Publick affairs here continue in the same state of disagreeable
uncertainty as they have done for near 4 months past, no
possibility of judging whether we shall have peace or war,
The Naval armament is carrying on with great appearance
of a certain War of the press for Seamen is so very warm
as greatly to obstruct Trade Naval Stores of every kind
are much advanced, Hemp is now £34/- Ton & we have
sold Tarr at 13/6/- Barrel ^{per} we have been offered for
your small parcel on board Scott but have not yet taken
it Turpentine is 8/- per Dr. We are with the greatest esteem

Dear Sir Your most humble Servt
Hayley & Hopkins

Dr John Hancock Esq^r for the following Insur^{ces}

700 on ship valued

1500 cargo

£2200 Lydia Jas Scott at Yrs Boston to London

(a 3 qu. off) 169. 6.

Policy 10. 6

Commission 11. — 80. 16. 6

500 on ship of freight

1000 Goods

£1500 Lydia Jos Wood at Yrs Boston to London

(a 3 qu. off) 47. 6.

Policy 10. 6

Commission 7. 10. 55. 6. 6

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